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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Robert Michener, 26, Minneapolis, Minn., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb to 151 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute marijuana. This term of imprisonment will be served without parole and will be followed by four years of supervised release. Michener pleaded guilty to this charge on July 28, 2008.

Michener was the main source for a large amount of marijuana that was distributed in Wisconsin. Other members of the conspiracy included Corey Irvin-Anderson, 26, Minneapolis; Graham Plumhoff, 26, Minneapolis; and Charles Schmitt, 25, La Crosse, Wis.

Based on their participation in the conspiracy, Schmitt and Plumhoff were sentenced to 30 months in prison and Irvin-Anderson was sentenced to 63 months in prison. Michener's sentence was increased because he was the leader of the conspiracy and because he threatened witnesses.

The conspiracy was responsible for distributing between 400 and 700 kilograms of marijuana. One of Michener's main distributors was Corey Irvin-Anderson. Irvin-

Anderson distributed over \$1 million worth of marijuana during the conspiracy. Many of the transactions took place at Schmitt's home in La Crosse.

Michener also supplied a large quantity of marijuana to sources in Milwaukee. Plumhoff assisted in the transportation of money and marijuana between Milwaukee and Minneapolis. One of Michener's distributors in Milwaukee made more than \$120,000 selling marijuana provided to him by Michener and this money has been seized by the government.

The charges against these defendants were the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force, the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, and the La Crosse Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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